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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### GERMANY AND NEUTRALS.

#### GERMAN CREWS ARRESTED AT HONOLULU.

##### PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLOUTED.

London, February 7.  
The engines of nine German vessels at Honolulu have been disabled and the boilers wrecked. The crews of the vessels have been arrested and put under guard.

##### The Position of Holland.

London, February 7.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *Gazette de Holland* points out the weakness of Holland's military position, but adds that no Government could remain quiescent should Dutch communications be cut off to any extent.  
The Municipality proposes the early closing of shops and the reduction of lighting to economise coal.

##### Support for President Wilson.

London, February 7.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, nearly every State and Legislature has already passed a resolution supporting President Wilson.

##### War Measures in America.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's Washington correspondent says that the Chairman of the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives proposed an amendment to the Naval Bill authorising the issue of \$150,000,000 five-year bonds to cover the cost of a speedy delivery of ships, empowering the Executive to order war material, commandeer plant and control Government labour.

##### American Prisoners Released.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that, according to the *Vossische Zeitung*, seventy-two American prisoners aboard the *Yarrowdale*, were released on declaring they were not aware, when they joined the vessel, that armed merchantmen were regarded by Germany as warships.

##### Bolivia Supports Brazil's Attitude.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro states that the Bolivian Minister has formally notified Mr. Lauro Muller that Bolivia unreservedly supports Brazil's policy towards Germany.

##### Feeling in Uruguay.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Monte Video states that President Wilson's action is approved by the Press and public. The Government is urged to join other neutrals against Germany.

##### More Neutral Steamers Sunk.

London, February 7.  
The sinking of seven British, five Norwegian, and one each of Swedish, Spanish, Danish and Russian steamers is announced.

##### Relief Ship Believed Sunk.

London, February 8.  
The following sinkings are reported:—The steamer *Hartwood*, (British), and the barque *Garnet Hill* (Russian).  
Four of the *Hartwood's* crew were killed.

The Danish steamer *Laskraas* is believed to have been sunk with a cargo of maize for the Belgian Relief Commission. The sinking is contrary to the German assurance given to the American and Spanish Ministers at Brussels that Belgian relief ships would not be interfered with.

Eight reliefships are now at sea, and thirty are held up at various ports. Should they be delayed another week, many people in Belgium and North France will starve.

##### How America Could Help.

London, February 7.  
The *Morning Post* correspondent at Washington says that President Wilson, after consultation with the Secretaries of the Navy and War, practically determined the military programme, in the event of war. It is recognised that the United States would be unable to send an expeditionary force to Europe for some months; therefore the American assistance to the Allies would firstly be naval, namely the patrol of the North and South Atlantic, releasing the Anglo-French cruisers. The feasibility of convoys was discussed, but it was not considered practicable. A swarm of fast motor boats would assist destroyer flotillas.

##### A Common Danger.

London, February 7.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, the *New York Herald* demands that passports be handed to Count Tarnowski, Austrian Ambassador, who arrived on the day of the announcement of the German threat. It emphasises that Prussian and Austrian organisations in America are identical.

##### German Crews Removed at Manila.

London, February 8.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the naval authorities at Manila have taken charge of seventeen German merchantmen. The crews have been removed.

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### GERMANY AND NEUTRALS.

#### Survivors Landed.

London, February 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Vigo states that the survivors who were landed from the Dutch ship mentioned yesterday, were not from Brazil. They comprised 89 crew and seven passengers from the British steamer *Port Adelaide*, whose captain has been taken prisoner by a submarine, and sixty-six seamen from Norwegian ships.

#### A Pledge Ignored.

London, February 7.  
The Admiralty states that the *Port Adelaide*, carrying passengers from London to Australia, was torpedoed without warning on Saturday. The passengers were landed at Vigo. The Peruvian sailing ship *Lorton* was submerged on Monday in Spanish territorial waters.

The Admiralty comments on these incidents, emphasising the withdrawal of Germany's pledge to the United States not to sink passenger ships without warning and of her claim to consideration towards neutrals.

#### Scene at U.S. Embassy in Berlin.

London, February 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, a despatch from Berlin says the scene at the American Embassy on the 5th inst. recalled August of 1914.

Crowds of anxious Americans blocked the corridors, seeking advice, while the Passport Department was working at very high pressure. The crowd was augmented by many British and other belligerent nationals clamouring for advice.

#### This Month's Sinkings.

London, February 7.  
The sinkings of vessels reported in February amount to fifty-three vessels, twenty-two of which, aggregating 54,600 tons, have been sunk during the past twenty-four hours. The latter figure includes thirteen British, and comprises some of the raider's victims. No great anxiety is anticipated that the daily average of sinkings will be raised within a short period.

#### British Confidence.

London, February 7.  
In the House of Commons, Admiral Meux declared that there was every reason to hope that the same success attending the destruction of *Zepplins* was in a fair way to be realised in countering submarines.

#### Will Holland Follow America?

London, February 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *Telegraaf* states:—What America has said to Germany we must say, and the moment may arrive at any time to say it as strongly as President Wilson.

#### Watching German Merchantmen.

London, February 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Puerto Rico states that military guards surround the German merchantmen *Odenwald* and *President*, the crews being confined to the ships. The American guardship *Itasca* is watching.

#### Austro-Hungarian Differences.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the first pronouncement of Austria's attitude on the new submarine policy was made by Count Tiesi, in the Hungarian Parliament. He justified the use of the new weapon on the ground that their adversaries were arming merchantmen and laying new minefields. Moreover, the successful employment of submarines was the most effective means of securing peace. He added:—“Even to-day we are still prepared to negotiate for peace, if we receive a guarantee that our enemies are willing to negotiate, but, so long as our enemies desire to take our life, we are determined to employ every means to gain victory.”  
Counts Appony and Andrássy supported Count Tiesi, but Count Karolyi denounced unrestricted submarine warfare and pointed out that two million Hungarians were living in America, and their fate might be serious in the event of war.

#### A Scandinavian Protest.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says that the Scandinavian Governments have decided to send a joint anti-submarine protest to Germany.

It is semi-officially stated that Sweden has decided not to follow the United States' example.

#### Russian Prisoners Denied Food.

London, February 7.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Swedish Red Cross Society intimates that German military authorities persist in refusing to allow Russian officer prisoners to receive food from neutral countries while the Allies blockade Germany.

### THE PLOT AGAINST THE PREMIER.

London, February 7.  
The Lloyd George conspiracy trial has been postponed, and it is understood that it will be transferred to the Old Bailey.

#### TRADE RETURNS.

London, February 7.  
The increase in exports from last month amount to \$10,108,375, as compared with January last year.

## TELEGRAMS.

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### THE KING'S SPEECH.

#### Reference to the German Threats.

London, February 7.  
His Majesty the King, in opening Parliament, said:—  
For the third time in succession, I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war. Certain overtures, of which you are aware, have been made by the enemy with a view to opening peace negotiations. Their tenour, however, has indicated no possible basis for peace.

My people throughout the Empire and my faithful and heroic Allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure their just demands for reparation and restitution in respect of the past, and guarantees for the future, which we regard as essential to the progress of civilisation. In response to an invitation by the President of the United States, we outlined, as far as possible at present, the general objects necessarily implied by these aims. Threats of further outrages upon public law and the common rights of humanity will but serve to steel our determination.

During the winter months my Navy has maintained, unchallenged, its ceaseless watch on the seas, and rigorously enforced the blockade of the enemy.

My armies have conducted successful operations, not only in Europe, but in Egypt, Mesopotamia and East Africa, and they are fully prepared to renew the great struggle in close and cordial co-operation with the Allies on every field. I trust their united efforts will carry the successes already won to a victorious conclusion.

I invited representatives of the Dominions and the Indian Empire, which have borne so glorious a share of the struggle, to confer with my Ministers on important questions of common interest relating to the war, and I trust the step will conduce to closer relations between all parts of the Empire.

The accomplishment of the task to which I have set my hand entails unparing demands on the energies and resources of all my subjects. I am assured, however, that my people will respond to every call necessary to the success of the cause with the same indomitable ardour and devotion that have filled me with pride and gratitude since the war began. Therefore I confidently commend to your patriotism the issues which will be laid before you, and pray Almighty God that He may bless your counsels.

#### A Message to the Wounded.

London, February 7.  
Before the arrival of Their Majesties, Lord Lincolnshire conveyed the following message from the King to a large number of wounded Dominion soldiers in the Royal Gallery:—

“Tell my brave men who have fought so gallantly for me and my country how I appreciate their gallant service and what a pleasure it is for me to place at their disposal the Royal Gallery on this occasion.”

“I have been commanded by His Majesty,” concluded Lord Lincolnshire “to wish you all a safe recovery and a safe return to those glorious countries you all love so well.”

#### A War-Time Atmosphere.

London, February 7.  
The opening of Parliament was shorn of its customary splendour, but was animated by a stern and practical spirit appropriate to the critical times.

The Thrones were shrouded in white cloths, almost sepulchral, from beneath which heavy folds of Imperial purple emerged, spreading over the steps of the dais.

The Peeresses occupied the floor of the House, were walking dress, mostly costly furs, instead of the usual Court costumes with feathers and coronets.

It was noteworthy that a large number of Peers, young and middle-aged, wore khaki or navy blue, the only bright colours being the Judge's scarlet, contrasting with the white-robed Prelates. The Ambassadors, in multi, were on the left of the Thrones.

When Their Majesties—the King leading the Queen by the hand—entered, the lights, hitherto subdued, were raised, shedding a brilliant glow on the illustrious assemblage.

His Majesty the King, in an Admiral's uniform, and Her Majesty the Queen, a stately figure in black robes, with pearls and a big diamond plaque, were seated on their Thrones, and there was a long pause awaiting the proceedings in the House of Commons. Then the King, putting on his hat, read the speech in a strong, penetrating voice which was audible to everyone. His Majesty especially emphasised the passages relating to just demands for restitution, to the threats of further outrages steeling our determination, and to the importance of the forthcoming War Conference.

His Majesty led the Queen down the steps and both bowed ceremoniously on all sides.

Foreign and Dominion correspondents were admitted for the first time, and were greatly impressed with the solemnity of the whole ceremony and the surroundings.

### A GERMAN DYNAMITE FACTORY EXPLOSION.

London, February 7.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the newspaper *Les Nouvelles* states that an explosion wrecked the Nobel dynamite factory at Schleichshausenfort. Up to the present, there are two hundred dead, mostly women.

### NEWS FROM THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

London, February 7.  
A Russian communique says:—Two companies of the enemy crossed the frozen Sereth near Focșani and attacked trenches, but were driven back by our fire.

### TSAR AND POLAND.

London, February 7.  
Reuter learns on undoubted authority that the Tsar intends Poland to have her own State organisation, Legislature and Army. (Continued on page 8)

## INDIAN YARN AND SUNRIES.

Messrs. S. D. Setna and Company's Report.

In their report dated February 7, Messrs. S. D. Setna and Co. state:—

**Cotton:**—Market ruled steady. Sales are reported of about 150 packages at \$28 to \$30 per pieal. Unsold stock is estimated at about 500 packages. Closing quotations:—\$28 to \$32 per pieal.

**Indian Yarn:**—During the interval under review our market ruled almost steady. In some threads which were in short supplies and in better demand, prices show a rise. Sales during the past fortnight were reported of about 100 bales of No. 7s, 6s, 1,850 bales of No. 10s, 1,200 bales of No. 12s, 200 bales of No. 18s, and 1,800 bales of No. 20s, in all about 4,950 bales. Unsold stock is estimated at about 10,000 bales. Sold but uncleared stock is about 8,000 bales.

**Sundry Articles:**—Nothing fresh to report. Market ruled steady. In imports, sales are reported, in Angkor at \$30 to \$35, (per pieal), Benzoin at \$160 (per catty), cloves at \$36 to \$39 (per pieal), fish maws at \$85 to \$23 (per pieal), gum olibanum at \$14 to \$20 (per pieal), ivory at \$440 to \$650 (per pieal), Kiamis at \$37 to \$39 (per pieal), and senna leaves at \$13 (per pieal). In exports, purchases are reported in green beans at \$3 (per pieal), galangal at \$8 (per pieal), preserves at \$14 to \$6 (per case), and sugar candy at \$16 (per pieal).

## SNATCHING CHARGE.

Defendant's Allegation Against the Police.

A charge of snatching a bangle from a small boy was preferred against a Kowloon City Chinese, at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood.

Inspector Grant said there had been a marriage on, and the little boy was standing watching the bride, when it was alleged that defendant went up to him, seized him by the arm and snatched the bangle off, afterwards knocking him down. The bangle had been sold to a goldsmith at Yau-mai, but had unfortunately been melted down before the Police arrived. The small boy picked defendant out from among six other men at an identification parade. Defendant admitted the offence.

The goldsmith, in the box, said defendant sold an anklet to him of plain rolled gold, which had been melted down. Witness paid him \$13.95 for it.

Defendant alleged that he was so severely beaten by the Police that he was forced to admit the theft. He was told that if he did not admit it he would be kept in prison in Hongkong for a very long time.

The case was adjourned.

## DON'T FORGET.

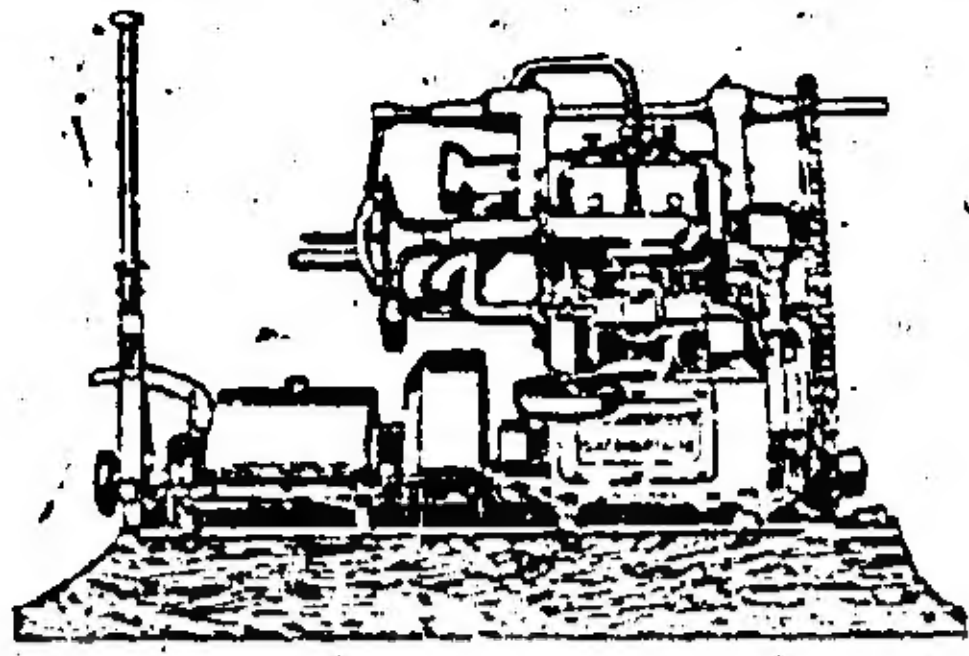
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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
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**TOMORROW.**  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinema—8.15 p.m.

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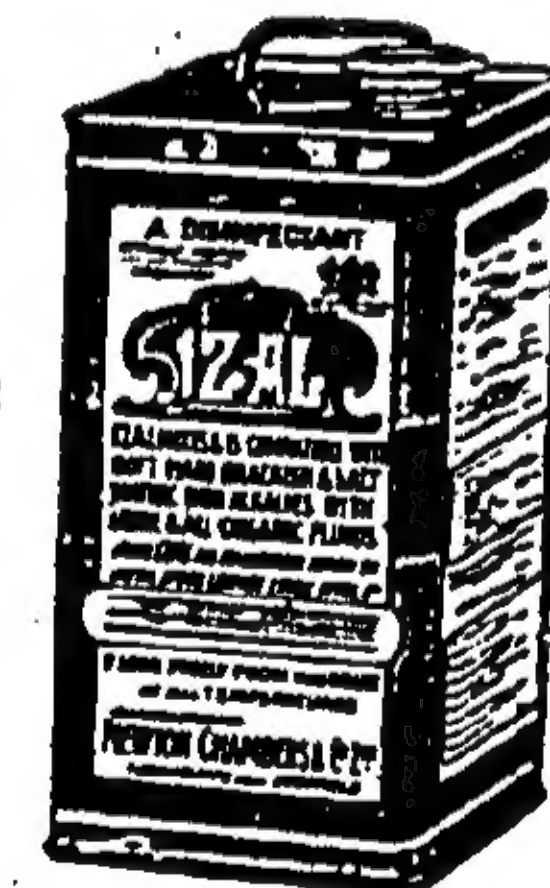
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is sixteen years since any increase  
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training for an official career, he  
entered the Consular Service in  
1893, and during the next eight  
years was Vice or Deputy Consul  
at Shanghai, Canton, and Tientsin.  
—Exchange.

Not Adopted.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux,  
M.P., has been informed by the  
Board of Trade that proposals for  
the building of cargo-carrying  
steamers specially constructed  
to resist torpedo attack were  
submitted to the Admiralty some  
time ago, and fully considered  
by their expert advisers. They  
were not adopted because the ex-  
perts considered they would in-  
volve so great a reduction of  
cargo-carrying capacity as to be  
commercially impracticable.

French Purchases in U. S.

Paris, Dec. 30.—M. Alexandre  
Ribot, Minister of Finance, ad-  
dressing the Senate on the  
appropriations for the first  
quarter of 1917, said that the  
French Government had done  
everything possible to centralise  
its purchases in America, and  
that it now had an intermediary  
to regulate prices. The Senate  
voted unanimously for the first  
clause of the bill, comprising  
the credits as a whole. Discussion  
on the other clauses and the new  
taxes was adjourned until to-day.

Japan a Huge Munition Factory.

The Japanese Ambassador at  
Rome described the impression  
that his homeland under war con-  
ditions made upon him to a re-  
presentative of the Rome *Giorale*  
*d'Italia*. He said:—Japan to-day,  
is practically one immense war  
factory, and very many thousands  
of Japanese, both men and  
women, are assisting in the pro-  
duction of munitions of war. In  
this work the women are proving  
themselves almost as valuable as  
the men. At the same time, Japan  
is kept constantly on a war footing,  
and if the Central Empire, by  
some means or other, should at-  
tempt anything in the Far East,  
they will find us ready. The arms  
and munitions which we produce  
are being sent to the Russian  
front as rapidly as possible, and  
the means of transportation have  
been greatly improved during the  
past few months.

Estate Outrages in Sumatra.

Median wires continue to re-  
port outrages on estates in Sama-  
tra, the latest victim being an  
assistant, Ceelen by name, of  
Sibaran Estates. According to  
the meagre details received, it  
would appear that a Japanese  
coolie was reprimanded for slack-  
ness, and that the assistant,  
ceiling action to his words,  
probably gave the man a  
sound smacking, when suddenly  
the coolie, slipping through  
the assistant's legs, attacked him  
with a "parang" (native digging  
fork) which was to hand, and  
inflicted dangerous wounds. The  
coolie thereupon took safety in  
flight. Further particulars are  
now awaited. Within the last  
two months, this is about the third  
attack on Estate Assistants, and  
it is hoped the Government will  
not long delay the passing of a  
strong measure to deal with a  
situation which is assuming  
critical proportions.—Singapore  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

## Eclipses in 1917.

Washington, December 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued to-day by the Naval Observatory. The last year in which seven eclipses came was early in the last century, and the next will be 1936. On January 8 there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow visible throughout the United States, beginning at 12:50 A.M. and ending at 4:39 A.M., Eastern standard time. Between 2 and 3:29 A.M., Eastern time, the eclipse will be total.

## A Military Schoolmaster.

Mr. David G. Ross, M.A., Headmaster of the Scottish Orphanage School, Bombay, who has been serving for about twelve months with a maxim gun battery in East Africa, has now been commissioned in the African Scouts Battalion, a body of men raised from the Askaris, who escaped from German control, and which is likely to take its place as the 3rd Batt. of the King's African Rifles. Mr. Ross is the youngest brother of Rev. Donald J. Ross, St. Andrew's Church, Penang.

## Canadian Shell Making.

The new fuse manufacturing plant erected at Montreal is now in satisfactory operation, and over 3,000 men are in constant employment. By the establishment of this factory, Canada can now produce for Great Britain over a score of thousand of shells every day, all ready for the artillery at the front to fire. Like Great Britain, Canada is now recruiting girls and women to work in the munition factories and it has already been found that their work is of inestimable value to the cause of the Allies. They are easily trained to handle machines and have proved competent and reliable workers, but many more are needed.

## For the Far East.

Half a million dollars gold from the estate of a rich American, the late Mr. Charles M. Hall, will be spent in the Far East, every year for the next fifteen years on educational work. At the expiration of the fifteen years, or before, the capital of the bequest, amounting to between \$8,000,000 (gold) and \$10,000,000, is to be spent in the Far East for such work. These gifts are to be given to non-denominational educational work. Mr. Hall died about a year and a half ago at Niagara Falls. He had no immediate family, and his estate was inventoried under the law of New York and paid taxes on a value of \$5,000,000 dollars gold.—Exchange.

## The Job that Pays.

Harry Lander, it is said, is to get \$500 a week and a share of the profits of the new theatrical entertainment—he does not call it a revue—in which he will be the central figure. He has had over \$1,600 for one week's work in Scotland. Caruso is believed to have made a steady \$40,000 a year for long past. But Charlie Chaplin, with his minimum of \$2,000 a week, every week, under his present "Mutual" arrangement, still leaves all the other stars behind him. Yet it is not so very long since a Cabinet Minister's salary seemed a really big thing; and "Tommy" is risking life and limb for a shilling a day.—Exchange.

Time-Keeping on Shells. A new scheme to promote improved time-keeping in munition factories is in operation at Coventry and some other centres which is proving very effective. Offenders are brought before a board of seven working men selected by the trade unions concerned in the production of munitions. The board hear the offender's explanations, point out the gravity of the fault, and give a warning that if time is not kept during the next fortnight the case will be placed before a Munitions Tribunal. If this step should prove necessary the man is left undefended by his union. The board's warning has been in the majority of cases sufficient.

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## O.S.K. AND N.Y.K.

## Increase of Capital.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha held a general meeting of shareholders at Osaka on January 24 to consider the accounts rendered for the last term and a proposal to increase the capital from ¥24,760,000 to ¥50,000,000. The resolutions were unanimously passed, though there were a few dissentients as to the distribution of new shares. Of 505,000 new shares, it was decided to allot 247,500 to the present shareholders in the proportion of one new share for two old shares, while the remaining 257,500 new shares are to be offered for public subscription at a premium.

According to a statement made by Mr. Hori, President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the management has decided to carry out a project for the construction of steamers aggregating 380,000 tons at a cost of ¥105,000,000 during the next five years. Of this tonnage 270,000 tons represent steamers to be built for the extension of the company's services, and the remaining 110,000 tons for the replenishment of the fleet.

Steamers already ordered in pursuance of the scheme aggregate 68,000 tons, valued at ¥9,700,000, while those already ordered but whose cost is not yet decided total 74,000 tons, and the tonnage awaiting allotment amounts to 240,000. In part payment ¥3,800,000 has already been paid to the dockyards, and the payment for the entire scheme is to be met by ¥13,000,000 cash in hand, over ¥4,000,000 to be shortly called for from shareholders, by the premiums for the new shares, and by the surplus funds for the next five years.

As soon as the Osaka Shosen Kaisha announced its intention to increase its capital some time ago, some of the shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha set to work to agitate for a similar increase. They have been assiduous both in Tokyo and Osaka, and the matter is apparently coming to a head, reports the Japan Chronicle. Their desire is that the capital be doubled, that is to ¥88,000,000, and that some of the amount carried forward be distributed to shareholders. It is said that up to January 24 the promoters had enlisted the support of shareholders possessing a little over 150,000 shares in all, and will open formal negotiations with the company's management immediately that number reaches 200,000.

## Our Debt to the Seamen.

Lady Carson was present at a Christmas gathering and grand concert given in the Sailors' Palace, Limehouse, when 50 wounded naval seamen and several wounded mercantile sailors were entertained to tea, cigarettes, fruit, etc., by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The majority of the men have been wounded in action. Mr. Havelock Wilson, speaking of our debt to the mercantile marine said that in spite of all the frightfulness by the Germans there had never been a ship detained ten minutes in consequence of not being able to get a crew because the British seafaring men were afraid.

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### CHINA AND THE YOUNG MEN.

The interview with Liang Shih-yi which appeared in Tuesday's *Telegraph* touches a really vital point. Is China to be governed by the old men or the young? Mr. Liang, from our British point of view, is over modest in regard to himself as practically on the shelf at the age of forty-nine. A European politician is usually but in his prime at five and fifty, and three of the most active political brains of the later part of the last century—those of Pope Leo XIII, Bismarck and Gladstone—were busy for some twenty years after that age. Mr. Lloyd George is, in the mind of most of us, still a young man; and he is in his fifty-fourth year. Mr. Liang bases his argument that China is the country of the young man and not of the old on the perfectly sound lines that, when a politician takes up a post of responsibility, he should have before him an appreciable span of years during which he can go on learning by his successes and mistakes, and before the expiration of which he may have the joy of seeing his life's work fittingly crowned. In a general sense all are bound to agree with this, but in the particular case of China one is tempted to suggest that, for the very reason that she is a country still young in Western civilisation, she should have a care how she trusts even her minor interests to say but the men who have gained wisdom through long experience.

We are far from wishing to disparage the young man, or to urge that grey hairs are any proof of sagacity or knowledge; and we do not forget that William Pitt the younger was Premier at the age of two and twenty. But we in Hongkong have before our eyes a China that has, on more than one occasion within the past six years, been led near to the brink of destruction, very largely through placing too much reliance on those who were guided by theory rather than by experience. Has not the very word "young", within the lifetime of the present generation, come to have a sinister sound, when applied to a country or a party? Do we not all know the meaning of the "young Turks", and of the "Junker" section in Germany? The Roman idea of a Parliament was a meeting of the *senes*; the old men; that idea was passed on, and it is not dead even to-day. China's position is, of course, peculiar—or, if a parallel can be found, we must seek it in Japan. Men of the stamp of the late Li Hung-chang could be of very little assistance to her to-day, probably, for she has drifted—nay, jumped—past them, and their world is not her world. What she most needs is a midway group between the Li Hung-chang school and the red school which is composed partly of middle-aged and ultra-republican experimentalists whose honesty is sometimes a little doubtful, and partly of men still under thirty.

In point of fact Mr. Liang himself shows his people the way out of their difficulty when he advocates the "understudy" principle. He realises that not the least of China's dangers lies in the fact that she has an always-increasing number of men who, while still only in their twenties or early thirties, have out themselves completely adrift from the traditions good and bad of their fathers, and have acquired some right to be heard, inasmuch as they have studied at foreign universities and have lived on equal terms with foreigners, thereby enabled to grasp life from the point of view of "the other man." On returning to China they find that the institutions and general life of their nation presents, in many respects, rather a sorry spectacle; and, if there is any light in them, they naturally burn to see matters altered—and to have an active hand in the altering. If such young men are "left out of things" they will not be long in forming a party of their own, which may in the end be anything but helpful to the State. Equally, to place them straightway in important positions is to invite disaster, seeing that they will be administering the affairs of some four hundred million people, only a few million of whom have, as yet, become entirely reconciled to the change from old to new. If the Government is going to get the best out of these young men, it will employ them as far as possible, all the time keeping them under close observation in order that any special gift which they possess may not go undetected. A few years should be sufficient to enable their superiors to note the direction wherein they were most likely to be of service to the State, and to ascertain the extent of their moral worth as well; and so, in course of time, the country would probably have a vast number of men well trained in public work from whom to select its statesmen.

### The Kwantung Pirates.

Last week we reported that there had been a battle between the pirates and some Kwantung troops, near the entrance to the West River—and that the pirates had been victorious! What has happened since no-one seems to know, and many of the Chinese appear to be perfectly content to "leave it at that" and to continue to take piracy as a matter of course. The new Civil Governor of the Province is undoubtedly keen to abolish the evil, but this matter is a military one rather than a civil, and one which should surely receive the early attention of Luk Wing-ling—as to whose whereabouts, condition, and future intentions so many rumours are going the rounds. One would have thought that he would be in a good position to know who are the real chiefs of the pirates, and to deal with them according to their deserts. No one who knows anything about the river supposes that the pirates are planned by junkmen and coolies, or that these reap the big rewards that fall to their nefarious performances. As with opium-running, so with piracy; there are big men at the back of things, and to touch the small men is next to useless so far as actually stamping out the practice is concerned. Is Luk Wing-ling afraid of the pirates?

Dealing With Understrappers. As regards the men who carry out the robberies, there are plenty of means of handling them satisfactorily if only the soldiers could be trusted. It is an open secret that one portion of the Kwantung army is very much afraid of the pirates and will not risk a brush with them, and that another portion is subsidised by them and therefore plays their game instead of the Government's. If it were possible—and it should be—so to put together a contingent of really reliable soldiers and sailors under an efficient leader, six months of serious work would exterminate a very considerable percentage of these gallowornaments. In this connection the statement of Mr. Lym, the Chinese aviator, in yesterday's *Telegraph*, is of special interest. Mr. Lym points out that an observer in an aeroplane can see across a radius of four thousand feet from a height of one thousand. Many of the pirates are undoubtedly cave-dwellers whose whereabouts it is difficult for man on land to trace, but the aeroplane would solve that problem, and many more. It would be well worth the Kwantung authorities' while to set a couple of machines going, round about the Delta. The pirates would soon, under those circumstances, begin to reflect.

Dust-Oh! Some months ago there was a considerable amount of discussion at a Sanitary Board meeting relative to the leaving of uncovered dustbins about the streets of the European quarter till all hours. There was also a good deal said about covering the dust-carts with tarpaulin, in order that the escape of dirt and smell might be minimised. It is characteristic of our Sanitary Department that, despite all the talk, things still go on pretty much as usual. It is true that, the other day, we saw a dust-cart careering wildly down Ice House Street, "clothed in white samite, mystic, wonderful," and we saw another yesterday; but the majority of the carts appear still to remain uncovered. As to the careering, the Grand Hotel corner is still a nice little death-trap for children, or for persons whose movements are slow. Two days ago we saw an amah and a European child almost run over. If the officer administering the brake of such carts were instructed to apply it properly, the vehicle could descend the hill quite slowly and without danger to the public; but the coolies prefer the quick movement, accompanied by a chorus of howls, and they seem to be more or less a law to themselves. And what about the reeking over of bins at night? Is nothing going to be done? On Tuesday night at eight o'clock two men were at this choice occupation near the Dutch Bank in Ice House Street. There was an Indian policeman at either end of the street, but neither troubled himself as to these cart-hunters, who were throwing the dirt all over the roadway.

### DAY BY DAY.

A WOMAN IN POLITICS IS LIKE A ROSE IN A MUD PUDDLE.

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 79th birthday of Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.O.

An Infected Port.  
The Consul General for Holland informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has declared Hongkong an infected port on account of plague.

The Late Sir Cheung Liang Cheng.

The funeral procession of the late Sir Cheung Liang Cheng, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O. will set out from No. 33 Robinson Road to-morrow, Friday, at 1 p.m. and not 10 a.m. as was originally stated.

Volunteer Reserve Order.  
Order No. 8, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—Friday, 9th instant:—The Mounted Section will parade on the road outside the Law Courts at 4.55 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Victoria Theatre.  
We are informed that the management of the Victoria Theatre has concluded arrangements for the engagement of the Great Banker (female impersonator) who will appear at the theatre for four nights, beginning from Friday, February 9.

Magisterial Disbelief.  
A Chinese who for some time has been charged with cutting and wounding another man aboard the s.s. Hopson, was discharged by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning. His Worship said he did not believe the story of the other man.

Discharged.  
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, the case was continued in which a Chinese was charged with stealing seven pigs belonging to a woman at Yau-mai. His Worship, after hearing further evidence, discharged the defendant.

Billiards.  
In connection with the Palace Hotel billiards handicap, Mr. Kelly last night defeated Mr. Parker by 95 points. The winner's highest breaks were 42, 38, 36, three of 28 and three of 24. To-night at 9 o'clock Mr. Morgan (owes 90) meets Mr. Simpson (receives 40).

Women War Workers.  
Mrs. Patterson, No. 125, The Peak, has kindly consented to accept the Honorary Secretaryship and Mrs. Alabaster to take charge of the Wool Department of the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers, in place of Mrs. Greaves who is leaving shortly for Home.

Helena May Institute.  
The second lecture on Enskin will be given by Mrs. Ralphs at the Helena May Institute to-morrow morning (Friday). A lecture on "Spanish and Portuguese Colonies at the Beginning of the 16th Century" will be delivered by Mr. G. P. de Martin, B.A., on Monday, the 19th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

The Anchor Case.  
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, the case was again formally remanded in which a French ship's officer is charged with the theft of ship's anchors. The Captain Superintendent of Police appeared, but it was stated that Mr. Jenkins, who is defending, could not be present this morning. The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Police Reserve Inspection.  
On Saturday afternoon H.E. the Governor will travel by motor car to the Polo Ground for the inspection of the Police Reserve. The car will be escorted by men of the mounted section, H.K.P.R. After the inspection His Excellency will present Trooper Sany to the Police medal (4th Class) for his pluck and gallantry in the arrest of a man who, with six others, had committed an armed robbery.

### THE POLICE INSPECTION.

His Excellency's Tribute to the Force.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.) speaking to the Police at the Central Police Station yesterday, in the compound, on the occasion of his annual inspection, said that he had not been able to inspect them for two years. Last year business had been so pressing that he had not been able to perform the ceremony they had just witnessed, hence the number of medals he had to distribute was somewhat large. Two years ago when he inspected them he told them that he was very well satisfied with the way the Hongkong Police had conducted themselves and for the valuable work they had rendered since the outbreak of the war. He was pleased to tell them now that they had continued in his approbation. They had sent a contingent of men to go and fight at the front, and he consoled with them on the losses they had suffered, but in laying down their lives the men had done honour to their King and Country and to the Hongkong Police. Some of those present would soon be leaving on the same errand. He would see them before they went, and he wished to take this opportunity of saying that he was sure they would uphold the honour of the Force. It was his pleasure to mention that he was particularly well satisfied with the good conduct and service of the Indian police. Two years ago he had to speak to them rather seriously, but he was now glad to notice that the "little sermon" which he had preached to them had had a good effect. As regards the Chinese contingent, they had had extra responsibility thrust upon them owing to the loss of many European officers, but they had done their best and had done well. In conclusion, he wished to say that he was well pleased with the whole Force, and they would imagine what pleasure he had in making the statement, because for nine years of his services in the Colony he had had the honour to command the Hongkong Police.

The address ended, the Force marched past and His Excellency took the salute.

In addition to those mentioned yesterday as receiving medals, P. O. Karim Bux was handed a 4th Class Medal for saving life in the harbour.

A 4th Class medal was also to have been presented to P. O. (R.) Sany, but he was unable to attend to receive it. The award is for pluck and praiseworthy conduct in arresting a man who, with six others, had committed an armed robbery at Kewick Street, Wan-chai. The robbery took place on October 26 at 6 a.m. and on an alarm being raised the robbers ran from the house. The special constable heard the noise and chased and arrested one of the robbers. A struggle ensued but the constable although of inferior physique and in spite of a somewhat hostile crowd, stuck to his man and succeeded, with the assistance of Sergeant Scull, also of the Police Reserve, in taking him to the station.

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Hongkong and China District.

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralphs state:—

The parade ordered for Sunday, the 11th instant, is cancelled, and the following is substituted:—Field Day, Sunday the 11th inst. Sanyingpoo Division will fall in with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on the Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m. Dress:—Shirts, puttees, helmets, haversacks (fitted), water-bottles (filled). Stretcher-bearers will be required.

Appointment.—John Francis Gross is appointed Ambulance Officer, subject to confirmation by Major General J. O. Dalrymple, Chief Commissioner.

### THE MEN'S CLUB.

Final Social of the Season.

To mark the conclusion of a very successful winter season at the Men's Club in connection with the Seamen's Institute, a social was held last evening and proved to be one of the most enjoyable yet held. The attendance was exceedingly large, the hall being packed to overflowing. His Excellency the Governor attended and amongst those also present were Major General Ventris and Miss Ventris, the Bishop of Victoria, Mrs. and the Misses Lander, the Hon. Mr. Gladstone, the Rev. N. O. Pope, the Rev. O. L. Cooper Hunt, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, and many naval and military officers, and others interested in the work of the Institute.

The interior of the hall had been very nicely decorated with flags and bunting lent by H.M.S. Tamar and the Naval Stores, the work of arranging being ably carried out by Privates W. J. Jarman, O. Bishop, R. Shortman, T. Reuben, J. J. Parker, G. Fisher, G. W. Williams, J. Humphreys, G. Butler, and W. Hobin.

Prior to the concert itself, a selection of gramophone records was played, the instrument being kindly lent by the Robinson Piano Company. The concert, which was entirely arranged by the Rev. Cooper Hunt, proved to be a success in every way. Many encores were demanded throughout the evening, and the enthusiasm with which all items were received showed that the men keenly appreciated the entertainment provided. Those who contributed were H.E. the Governor, who told some excellent Irish stories, the Hon. Mr. Gladstone, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mrs. Mariel, Mr. H. E. Mariel, Mr. G. W. O. Barnett, Sapper Cooke, H.K.V.O., (conjuror), Mr. Ing Said Wah, (Chinese magic) Les. Opl. Freeman, Les. Opl. Frost, Pte. Simpson, Opl. Armstrong, Pte. Braddick, Sergt. McGregor, Pte. Jones, Gunner Wainwright and Pte. Povey. Gunner Silcocks of the 88th Co. R.G.A., was the accompanist and Corporal R. A. Morris acted as M.C.

At the interval it was announced by the Rev. O. L. Cooper Hunt that His Excellency the Governor had kindly consented to hand the Billiard Challenge Cup to the winner—Pte. J. E. Austin, of the 4th K.S.L.I.

In the course of a brief speech, His Excellency said he would like to mention that that day was the anniversary of the Men's Club, and he thought that the large audience present showed how much the Club was appreciated. They all knew who was responsible—Mr. Cooper Hunt—who was one of the best (Applause). He thought it would be interesting for them to know that popular concerts had been held once a fortnight, and in spite of the fact that one Oompany had been moved to the Peak, the Club had continued to prosper. During the summer months a series of bathing outings were organised once a fortnight through the kindness of Mr. Gladstone, President of the Club. During the winter fourteen social evenings had been held, and the attendance at these had varied from 130 to 250, and on nine occasions it had reached 200. Roughly, about 2,500 packets of cigarettes had been distributed, as well as light refreshments provided by certain gentlemen in the Colony. Four billiard tournaments had taken place. The first was won by Pte. J. E. Austin, out of 32 competitors; the second, won by Pte. Bawley, out of 42 competitors; the third, with 57 competitors, went to Pte. Bedford; and the fourth, with an entry of 64, and unfortunately, to be cancelled. The entries for all tournaments totalled 195. Pte. J. E. Austin, by defeating Pte. Hazlet, became the possessor of the Cup.

The cup, which was presented by the Rev. O. L. Cooper Hunt, was presented to Pte. Austin by His Excellency, who congratulated him for his victory.

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Peace talk at present forms the chief topic of conversation, says the *Daily Chronicle*, but the question as to who has the power to make peace, does not appear to have been settled. Like many other principles of our Constitutional Law, it rests purely on convention. It is generally conceded that the King, on the advice of the Cabinet or the Foreign Secretary, may make a treaty concluding peace or ceding territory, without the consent of Parliament. In case the peace terms involved a grant of money, Parliamentary sanction would be necessary, or in case of a disgraceful peace the Cabinet as a whole would be liable for impeachment by the Commons. To prevent this the Cabinet in 1890 appealed for Parliamentary sanction before signing the treaty ceding Heligoland to Germany.

Is it true, asks a correspondent to the *Daily News*, that the German Emperor has no crown of his own? Most certainly he has; like Dogberry, indeed, he has everything handsomely about him. More than that, the Emperor has a crown of her own. The German Emperor's crown is depicted on a good many of the German stamps, which we need to see in peace times. It appears sometimes in cartoons in *Punch*—and it can be seen in the "Encyclopædia Britannica." The crown at Vienna mentioned by the correspondent is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire. The present German Emperor was not crowned save as King of Prussia, and the Emperor William I. was proclaimed, not crowned, at Versailles on Jan. 18, 1871.

The completion of the Marmara Railway from Petrograd to the ice-free port of Alexandrovsk is an event of very high significance, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*. The handicaps under which Russia has carried on her far-flung campaigns for twenty-eight months may be attributed in large measure to the fact that Archangel is generally closed by ice for six months of the year. The Marmara Railway provides a wholly new line of communication from the outer world of supply to the Russian trenches and gun positions—a line that will be open all the year round. During the summer months, when Archangel is free from ice, there will be two avenues of supply from the Arctic, a fact with which Germany will have to reckon this year. If Russia can be fed with sufficient munitions her inexhaustible man-power will do the rest.

Sir Douglas Haig, who completed his first year in the supreme command of the British troops on the Western front the other day, says a Home paper, has had enough escapes in France to emphasise his sobriquet of "Lucky Haig." During the past year he has been mostly behind the lines at headquarters, but in his first sixteen months in France as Commander of the First Army Corps, he was frequently under fire. Once by his personal example of coolness under a hail of shells, Sir Douglas rallied his men when the Germans were breaking through on the Menin road, with the result that the enemy was flung back. A few weeks later, at Ypres, many of his staff were killed or injured, and he himself was stunned by a shell. On another occasion Haig was examining the position from the top of a haystack when two German shells fell within a few yards of him—and failed to explode!

### CRICKET.

Civil Service v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club on their own ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday next:—Hon. Mr. O. Severn (Captain), E. E. O. Bird, E. W. Hamilton, R. C. Widdell, E. W. Dawson, W. H. Edwards, C. J. Trench, S. E. Alderman, F. J. Ling, C. S. S. and F. Brown. The R.G.A. will be represented by W. Fraser.



ST. JOHN AMBULANCE  
BRIGADE.

## Recruiting of Nurses in India.

A request was received from the military authorities in India for the recruitment, through the St. John's Ambulance Association, of a special staff of 100 nurses for temporary employment in military hospitals in India or at the Front. Candidates to be either trained nurses or members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Nursing Division or Voluntary Aid Nurses of the St. John Ambulance Association, or if not members of a Nursing Division or Voluntary Aid Detachment, to be in possession of the First Aid and Home Nursing Certificates granted by either the St. John Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society, or other similar body. The engagement to be for six months in the first instance, one month of which to be on probation with an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem and Rs. 150 for the second and subsequent months. In less than a fortnight, over 190 applications were received, and candidates for the 20 posts which it was desired to fill immediately were forwarded to the Military Authorities. The St. John Ambulance War Hospitals at Dehra Dun and Masoorie continue to do good work.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state:—

Band and Orchestra.  
Will attend at the City Hall at 7.45 p.m. sharp on Saturday, February 10.

Police School.  
Monday, February 12.—Class III (Inspector Grant).  
Tuesday, February 13.—Class I (Inspector Gerrard).  
Thursday, February 15.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Recruits' Platoon (No. 2 Coy.)

The following, having joined, are posted to the above platoon. Those without collar-numbers will have same issued in due course. This Platoon is temporarily placed under the charge of Inspector C.M.S. Alves and Sergeant-Major Figueredo. The Recruits' Platoon will parade at Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Tuesdays and Fridays in each week, commencing Tuesday, February 13.—854 A. H. Ribeiro, 856 J. M. Rosario, 857 O.M. Franco, 858 M.B. Balrao, 859 A. Delgado, 860 J.M. Silva, 861 J.M. Reis, 864 A. Garcia, 865 S.A. Lopes, 866 F.X. Souza, 867 R.F. Garcia, 868 H.K. Rosario, 871 B. F. Barros, 872 A. M. Xavier, 873 I. F. Rocha, 874 M. F. Pina, 875 F. F. Ribeiro, 876 M. A. Souza, 878 J. O. Gardner, J. O. Rodrigues, J. F. Silva, A. P. Castro, 879 V. B. Ribeiro, 887 J. J. Remedios, 889 E. M. Xavier, 890 A. L. Silva, 891 E. Guimaraes, 892 L. C. Souza, 893 D. A. Rosario, 894 L. G. Cordeiro, 895 F. J. Agabeg, 895 J. M. Silva, 789 C. O. Baptista, 890 C. A. Leon, G. A. Vas, A. J. Rodrigues, J. O. Remedios, O. M. Sequeira, J. M. d'Almada e Castro, A. A. Baptista, A. A. Botelho, Q. U. Gomes, E. L. Barros, F. L. Marques and C. F. Vaz.

## Serious Theft Charge.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, with stealing a quantity of patchwork valued at \$800, from Messrs. Cooper and Co.'s godown, Wanchai. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. W. B. Hind defended. The facts of the case are that a firm of Chinese raw medicine dealers had stored the patchwork at the godown, and about four piculs were stolen. The defendant's premises were searched and a quantity recovered. It was also found that he had sold some to another firm. Defendant's story was that he was only an accountant and that his master was away. The case was proceeding as we went to press.

## THE YARN MARKET.

## Business on the Small Side.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, in their report dated February 7, state:—

Our last report was issued on the 18th ult. since then the market has ruled devoid of any strength or animation and business has been distinctly on the small side. The greater part of the period was practically closed to business owing to the New Year holidays and the opening has been otherwise than encouraging, the sales listed being in the nature of complimentary business.

Frequent and violent fluctuations manifested by Cotton and erratic movements of exchange have diverted the market of confidence and buyers evince little disposition for commitments except for actual and urgent requirements. Importers, on their part, appear to be rather awkwardly situated, owing to the marine insurance difficulty which substantially swells the laying-down cost. The outlook, as judged by most recent events, is very uncertain, and further developments both as regards Cotton and silver are anxiously watched.

Sales during the period are returned at 2,200 bales. Stocks unsold 10,000 bales. Bargains 20,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Malta and extra str. Rangoon Maru from Bombay have brought 2,800 bales for Hongkong and 9,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports 1,500 bales.

Shanghai.—Reports 4,000 bales as the aggregate fortnightly turnover, with a fairly steady market. Japanese Yarns.—The following sales are announced:—500 bales Yellow Joss No. 20 at \$166/184; 850 bales Nagasaki No. 20 at \$172/170; 100 bales Setu No. 10 at \$142; 300 bales Setu No. 20 at \$174/171; 100 bales 3 Horae No. 16 at \$166/163.

Raw Cotton.—Nosales in Bengal or Chinese. Quotations:—Bengal at \$24 to \$28. Chinese at \$129 to \$135 per picul.

## POLICE RESERVE ENTERTAINMENT.

Unique Feature for Saturday Night.

In amplification of the outline which we gave yesterday of the programme for the big Police Reserve entertainment on Saturday night, the promoters wish to add that the boxing bouts have been arranged with a view to giving the feminine portion of the spectators an idea of what the sport is like. Ladies are not in the habit of attending the ordinary boxing match, and many of them have never in their lives seen the gloves in use. Many who are of sporting inclinations would very much like to attend such matches, but custom bars them. Many others are under the impression that boxing is a brutal and a bloody performance on which the heel of Parliament ought to be placed firmly and permanently. Saturday night's show should very much please the one class and very much disillusion the other.

There are three items in the bill:—(1). A three-round exhibition contest between Corporal Scott R.E., Heavy-weight Champion, and P.O. W. S. Bailey, H.K. P.B. Both contestants are well known in Hongkong, and Mr. Bailey's many friends will be glad to see that hardy old-timer in the ring again. (2). A three-round (two minutes) bout for the mosquito-weight championship of the Colony, between "Kid" Marriott, Junr. aged nine, and "Boyo" Philippe, of the same age. (3). A three-round comic boxing match between "Young" Ward of the Royal Naval Yard Police and Trooper Relph, H.K.P.B.

Other interesting items will be an exhibition of illuminated club swinging and a turn by an illusionist.

ALLEGED OPIUM  
IMPORTATION.Serious Charge Against  
Portuguese Skipper.

The Portuguese skipper of the s.s. Sui Tai was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. B. Wood, on three counts:—(1) With using his ship to import 1,400 taels of prepared opium into the Colony on the 6th of this month; (2) with importing the same amount of opium into the Colony on that day; and (3) with helping other people to import the opium.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and a day was fixed for hearing next week, it being mentioned that Mr. Grist would appear on his behalf.

Bail was fixed in the sum of \$20,000.

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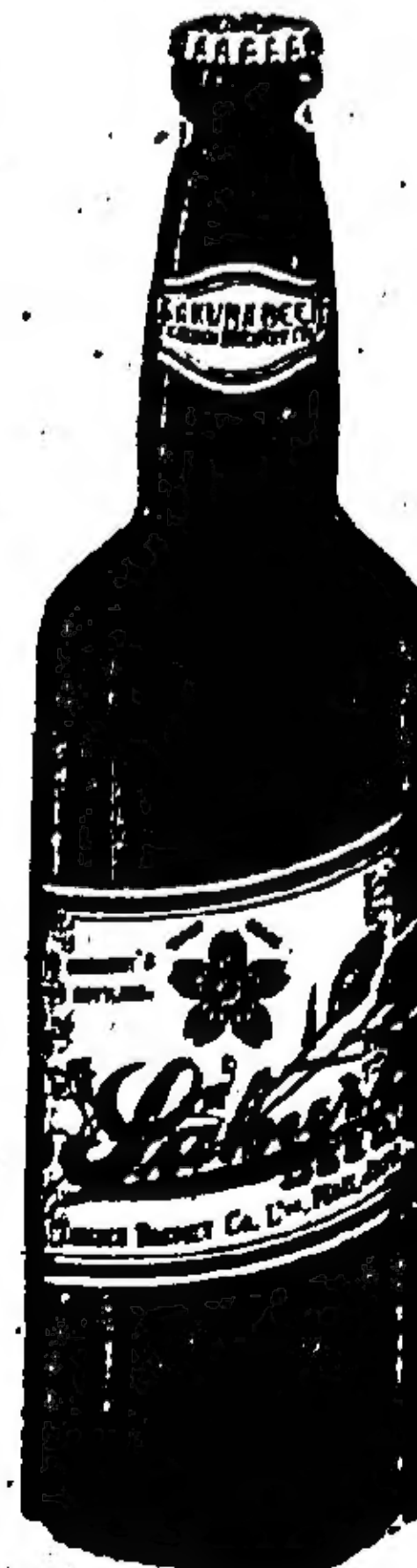
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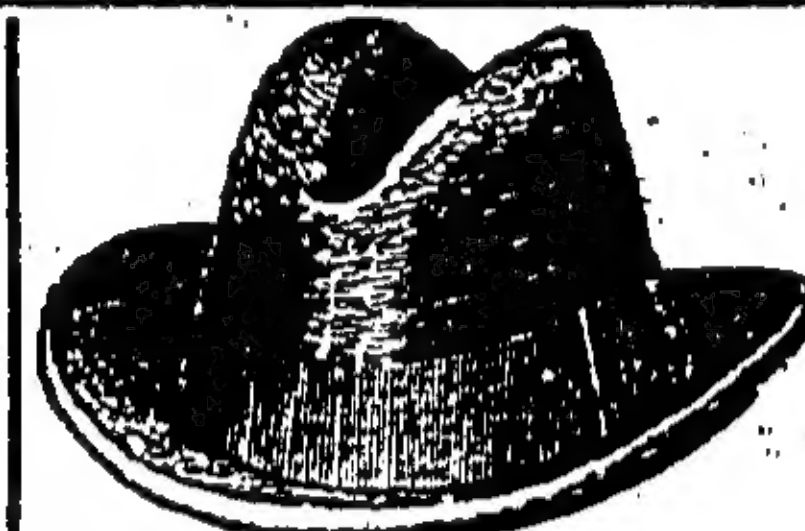
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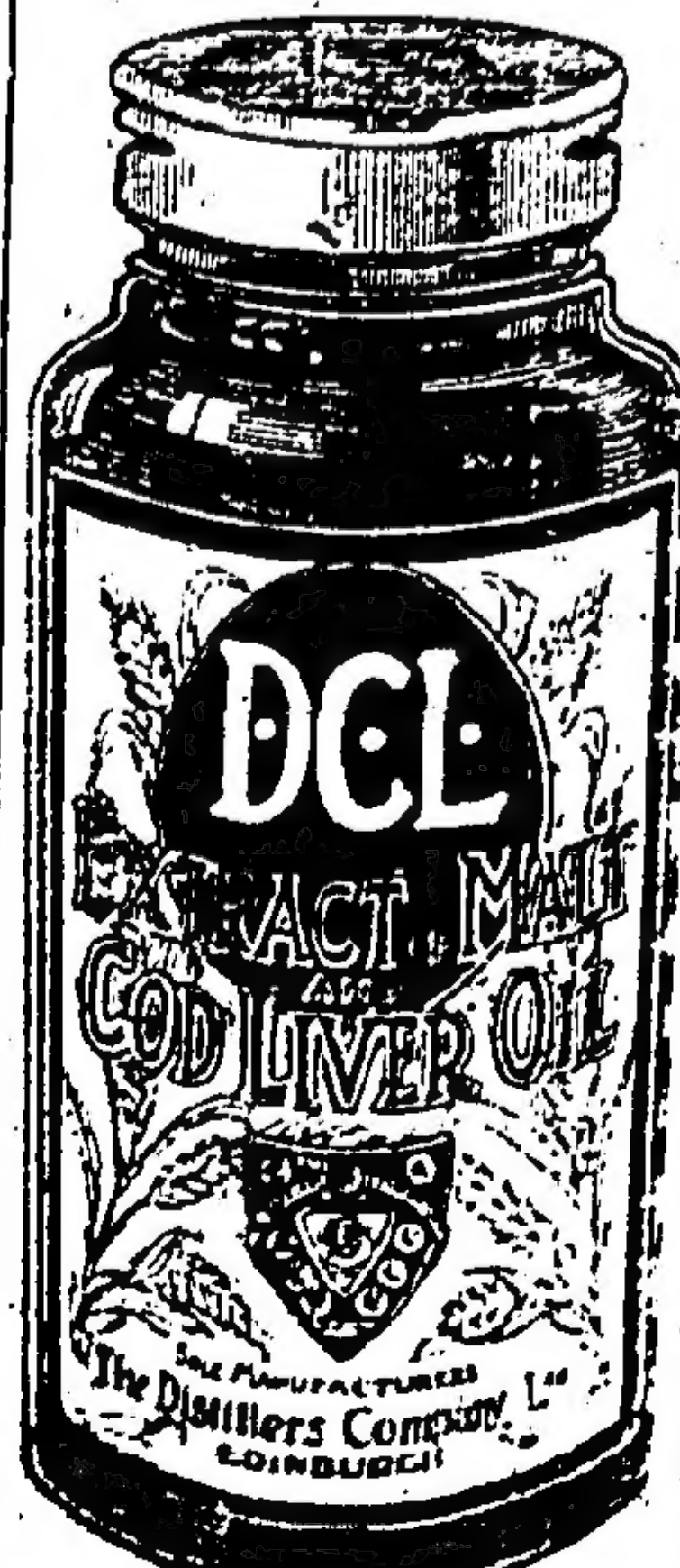
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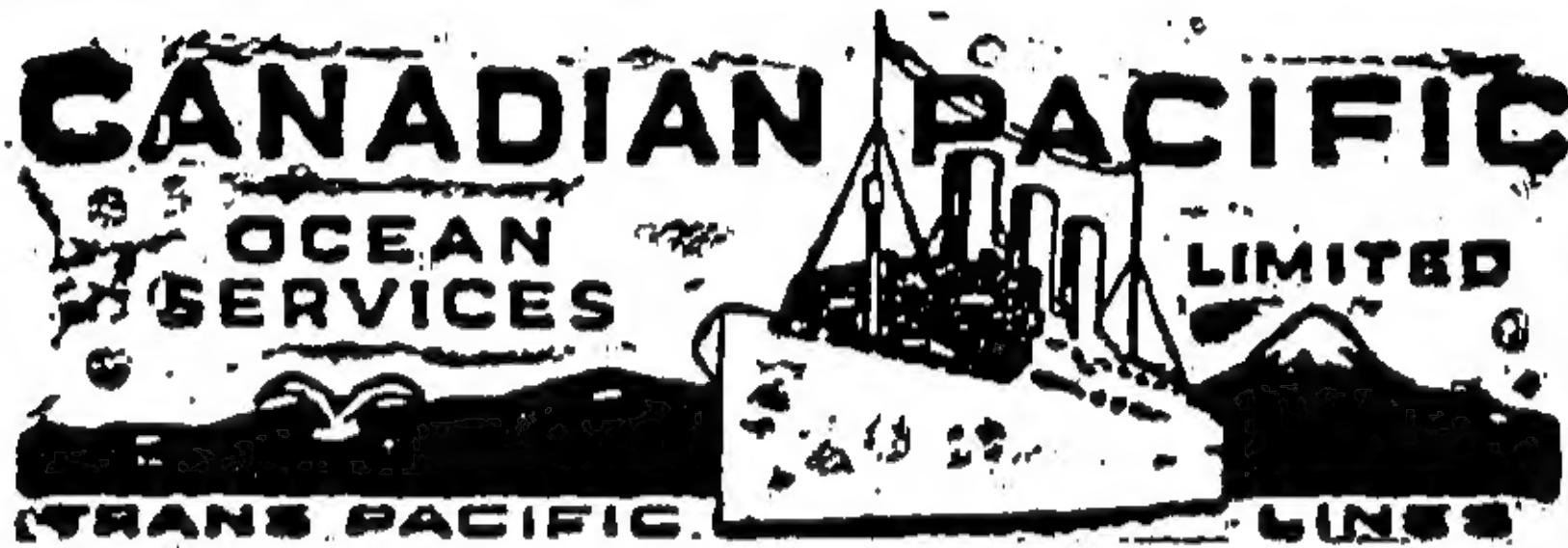
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## Shanghai Freight.

The fortnightly freight market report of Messrs. Wheelock & Co., dated February 1, states:—Our Homeward freight market, both to Europe and America remains in identically the same position as when last writing and we have nothing to add except that there is every prospect of freights via the Pacific being again advanced 25 per cent. all round in the course of a month or so.—Coastwise:—As was only to be expected in the circumstances, this market is rather lifeless at the moment; but there is a strong "undertow" and we expect to see a rapid rise all round when the Chinese re-commence business after the new year holidays.

## An Expensive Yacht.

It is reported in Batavia that the Major of Chinese, Tjong Ah Fie, will shortly be ordering a yacht for his private use, in which he intends making a round the world tour. The vessel, which is expected to cost about four or five million guilders, will be of similar dimensions to the express packet boat Rumphius of the K.P.M. Capt. Boon, of the Rumphius, who is shortly retiring on pension, has been commissioned, with the supervising of the work and, owing to all Netherlands ship-building yards having their hands full, it is not unlikely that the construction of the yacht, which is to be fitted up with all modern sea-going comforts, will be given over to a Japanese Yard.—Singapore Free Press.

## Post-War Tonnage.

Berlin, Friday, December 29.—Herr Ballin, Director-General of the Hamburg-American Line, holds a view contrary to current opinion that the shipping trade will have a great and long-continued boom after the end of the war. When the world's commercial fleets resume normal activity, Herr Ballin says, much more tonnage will be offered after a few months than will be demanded. The reason assigned for this view is that ocean trade will suffer to a high degree from a shortage of goods for export, from high prices of raw materials and food supplies and from unfavorable rates of foreign exchange. "The question of cargo room appears to be much less important than how far it will be necessary to impose restrictions on imports in the transition period, in consideration of the exchange rate situation," said he. While it is his opinion that restriction may prove to be necessary in order to give preference to food and raw materials, he thinks it will be of great importance to Germany and Austria-Hungary to have the shipping companies resume unrestricted traffic as soon as possible.

## Restriction of British Charter Contracts.

Recently a Reuter message briefly reported a new British regulation imposing some restrictions on charter contracts. In this connection, the Foreign Office in Tokio has received a fuller telegram which says that, except in cases where the permission of the Board of Trade is granted the British Government has prohibited persons in Great Britain from proposing or concluding the following contracts, and from commencing any negotiations thereon: (1) Charter-parties for tonnage other than British; (2) contracts to use vessels other than British for the transport to or from ports in British territory or in the territory of British Allies of goods exceeding in weight 1,000 tons; and (3) contracts to buy goods exceeding in weight 1,000 tons from abroad on terms including cost and freight. It is understood, says the "Japan Chronicle," that France and Italy will also adopt a similar regulation. The restrictions are considered a serious blow to Japanese shipping men, but some of them are quite optimistic, taking the view that the new regulation will not prove very harmful to Japanese or any other shipping interests in face of the great shortage of tonnage experienced by Britain and her allies.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1917.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

### THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Important Speeches By Mr. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law.

London, February 7.

Speaking in the House of Commons, during the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Asquith said everyone was delighted at the arrangement made for meeting the Dominion representatives. The House would like to know the scope and purpose of the meeting. Was it concerned with concerted efforts of the Empire for the prosecution of the war, or would it consider problems of settlement and reconstruction? He was also asked to make a statement regarding wheat prices here and in Australia.

Mr. Asquith, referring to Germany's "declaration of war on neutrals," said it would be unfitting for us to offer advice to America, but, he added, "we shall hail with acclamation, in which is the strain of family pride, the stern and resolute determination of the other great English-speaking Power to frustrate the latest enormity by the enemies of the human race—(Cheers). Our own course is clear. There must be the closest co-ordination in the plans and operations of the Allies, and complete organisation and concentration here in money, men and women. Let there be no jarring voice or party cross-currents and no personal or sectional distraction."—(Cheers).

Mr. Bonar Law said that Mr. Asquith's speech was the best testimony of the unity of the country. More and more shipping was coming under the direct control of the Government. A large number of new ships were in the course of construction. He emphasised the fact that this Imperial War Cabinet was not an ordinary Imperial Conference of representatives of the Dominions. India would sit continuously as a member of the Cabinet on any question with which she was specially concerned. That was an immense step forward, but the part played by the Dominions in the war justified it. The Conference would discuss all questions of common interest relating to the war. There would be no hard and fast line followed. From our own experience and that of the Dominion Premiers he was certain they would do everything in their power to prevent any interference in the essential task of the successful prosecution of the war.

Mr. Bonar Law proceeded to refer to the war situation. The Navy had done, and was still doing, all that was expected of it. Without the Navy it would be impossible for the Allies to win the war—(Cheers). The best brains of the country were devising new expedients to meet submarine warfare. He believed the experience of the similar threat in 1915 would be repeated. Germany could not defeat this country in this manner—(Cheers). The over-running of Romania was a moral and political disaster, but not a military success for Germany, whose advance had been stopped on the Sereth. The situation in Mesopotamia had been completely retrieved.

Mr. Bonar Law concluded by saying that the conquest of East Africa was approaching completion, while the Anglo-French had established complete moral ascendancy on the Western front, where it was certain that better results than hitherto might be hoped for. (Cheers).

Speeches in the House of Lords.

London, February 8.

In the House of Lords, Lord Stanhope, moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, said a silver lining to our cloud of unpreparedness at the outbreak of the war was to be found in the ready support coming from all parts of the Empire.

Lord Greve said it was irrefutable that our superiority in the West, which had become marked in July, 1916, had become enhanced as the months proceeded, and we were justified in anticipating the most sanguine operations in the spring.

Lord Curzon was of the opinion that other neutrals would follow America's example—others would if they could. The motion was agreed to.

### GERMANY'S THREAT.

Spirited Brazilian Protests.

London, February 7.

Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro states that it is officially announced that Brazil's reply to the German announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare has been dispatched to Berlin.

It protests that the German blockade violates International Law, and, if effective, would close the entire high seas, which is not permissible. It also protests, in anticipation, against any injury to Brazilian merchantmen, for which it would hold Germany responsible.

### THE ITALIAN NAVAL COMMAND.

London, February 7.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that the Duke d'Abruzzi has been relieved of the Command of the Fleet, at his own request, for reasons of health.

Vice Admiral Thaon Dineval, Chief of the Naval Staff, succeeds him.







## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

Good Health of the Troops.

London, February 7.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters visited the Army in Lorraine and found the men very fit, despite the snow and frost, which at night-time was at zero. The health of the men has even improved compared to that during the wet weather, owing to the numerous special precautions.

## A Brilliant Night Assault.

London, February 6.

Describing the first assault at night in the Acre region on February 3, as distinct from raids, Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that the moon was nearing its full, and shining brightly on the ground mantled with snow. The attack was a surprise one, following a short preliminary bombardment. The British reached the trench before the Boches were able to emerge from their deep dug-outs, in which they were sheltering from our whirlwind fire.

The resistance was most slight at the beginning, and two hundred were quickly taken prisoner. A machine-gun post became troublesome, and was still holding out, though surrounded, when the despatch was sent off that the position had been gained.

This forms a valuable link. It improves our command of the enemy trenches, and extends our field of observation.

## A Fruitless Enemy Attack.

London, February 7.

A French communique states:—A German attack on a salient in the region of Embarras, in Lorraine, gained a footing in our advanced elements, but was immediately driven out. Our line was completely re-established. We made prisoners.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down, including Lieutenant Heurteaux's twentieth.

German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk, but no casualties or damage were inflicted.

## BYE-ELECTION RESULTS.

Dublin University.

London, February 6.

The Dublin University election resulted as follows:—  
Mr. Arthur Warren Samuels, K.O. (Official) 1,481  
Sir Robert Henry Woods ... 769

North—Roscommon.

London, February 6.

The North Roscommon election resulted as follows:—  
Count Plunkett ... 2,022  
Mr. Devine (Official Nationalist) ... 1,708  
Mr. Tully ... 687

Rotherham.

London, February 6.

At the Rotherham bye-election, Mr. Arthur Richardson was returned unopposed.

## U.S. IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED.

London, February 6.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Senate, after a heated discussion, passed, by 62 votes to 19, over the President's veto, the Immigration Bill containing a literacy test to which President Wilson objected.

As the measure has already passed the House of Representatives, it now becomes law. It has been fought for twenty years and has been vetoed by three Presidents.

## COTTON SPINNERS' DEMAND.

London, February 6.

A conference of employers and cotton spinners at Manchester yesterday considered the spinners' demands for a twenty per cent. advance in wages.

The employers offered an advance of ten per cent., but the operatives, representing fifty thousand workers, declined.

It is believed that the dispute will be referred to the Committee of Production.

## AUSTRIA'S FOOD SUPPLY.

London, February 7.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Austrian Food Dictator, interviewed at Vienna, stated that Austria had now finished the last of her harvest supplies from Germany, but had been promised supplies from Romania.

## THE TURKISH CABINET.

London, February 6.

It is announced that the Turkish Cabinet appointments include the following:—

The Shaik-ul-Islam, Mousa Kiam Efendi; Foreign Minister Nessim Bey; Minister of War, Ezer Pascha; and Minister of Marine, Djamel Pasha.

## MORE GERMAN BRUTALITY.

London, February 7.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the newspaper *Les Nieuws* states that troops at Aix la Chapelle on the 23rd ult., charged 12,000 hunger demonstrators. Many were injured.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

A British Advance.

London, February 6.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
We advanced our line in the neighbourhood of Grandcourt, where a thousand yards of trench were occupied unopposed.

We took a further 48 prisoners eastward of Beaumont. Our aircraft bombed an enemy aerodrome, inflicting considerable damage. Two British aeroplanes were brought down and two of the enemy's driven down damaged.

## Lively Artillery Duels in Belgium.

London, February 7.

A French communique reports lively artillery duels in Belgium, in the sector of the Passenda in Canal. German organisations in the various sectors on the right of the Meuse were effectively bombarded.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

## NAVAL AIR RAID ON BRUGES.

London, February 6.

The Admiralty reports that naval aeroplanes attacked Bruges harbour on Friday, bombed torpedo craft and set the dock buildings afire.

There was another successful raid on Saturday, when the airmen bombed docks and railway lines. All the pilots returned, despite the difficulties engendered by the intense cold.

## GERMANY AND NEUTRALS.

The Latest Submarine Incident.

London, February 6.

An Admiralty statement announces that the Captain of an American steamer, the Westwego, reports that on 31st ult. a submarine ineffectively fired five shots at the ship, west of Fastnet. The submarine commander demanded oil and threatened to sink the ship if it was refused.

The Admiralty comments that the German claim for the consideration of neutrals will not be strengthened by this incident.

## An Emphatic Spanish Note.

London, February 6.

It is stated that Spain's note to the Central Empires is even more emphatic than America's.

Count Bernstorff and party depart from New York on the 12th inst.

## Holland Prohibits Boats to England.

The Hague, February 6.

Dutch ships are prohibited from proceeding to England until further notice.

## America Getting Prepared.

Washington, February 6.

Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, has ordered the immediate purchase of reserve Quartermaster's supplies, to the limits of the appropriation vote.

The naval authorities in charge of private radio stations are instructed to allow only American citizens as operators. A military censorship is now exercised over all wireless.

## "Inspired" Advice to Germany.

London, February 6.

The Admiralty issues a remarkable and admittedly inspired wireless message from the Washington correspondent to the "Kölnische Zeitung," for general dissemination.

The correspondent says that the President's action must not be construed as indicating an American desire for war. He cites passages of the President's speech, dated on 3rd inst., in support, and proceeds to charge Germany to refrain from numerous acts, particularly the destruction of American ships, non-interference with innocent American commerce, limitation of the destruction of neutrals carrying contraband and of enemy vessels to the ships and cargo, and a reversion to the recent practice of safeguarding passengers and crews. She must demonstrate that the terms of the German note have been misunderstood, and that only an indispensable blockade is contemplated, not unrestricted submarine warfare.

The message states that Germany should propose a joint commission to negotiate upon the blockade and submarine warfare. The commission might consider the possibilities of calling a conference of the Powers, the possibilities of which hasty action would close.

The correspondent declares that the explanation regarding limitation of sailing to four specially marked American ships will remove the bitterest impression created by "this wholly incomprehensible proviso, which is exceptionally hurting to national pride."

## "CRUCIFIXION."

Unfair Description of Field Punishment.

In the House of Commons on December 19, Mr. J. Macpherson (Under-Secretary for War), in reply to Mr. G. G. D. (Mr. G. G. D.), gave a long answer in regard to the infliction of field punishment.

At the outset he protested against the term crucifixion being applied to field punishment No. 1. By its continued use, he averred, unfair and unnecessary prejudices were introduced. Reports had been sought from the General Officers commanding the Armies in the field. All the responsible commanders consulted except one agreed that it was impossible to do away with field punishment.

The General Officer Commanding in Chief in France, whose experience in the matter covered the widest field, strongly desired that this form of punishment should be retained, and, in particular, expressed the opinion that the abolition of Rule 213 would have disastrous and far-reaching consequences. He attributed the rapid building up and discipline in the new army units largely to the judicious use of the power of awarding field punishment, and he feared the results of its abolition must inevitably be that recourse to the death penalty would become more frequent.

Although field punishment might not be abolished, the Army Council saw their way to providing additional safeguards and to standardise the carrying out of

## THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The monthly water return, issued by the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, shows that the total storage of water in the reservoirs of the City and Hill District Water Works Level on February 1 was 339.55 million gallons, whereas last year it was 583.74 million gallons. The consumption per head per day was 12 gallons, as against 15.8 last year.

In Kowloon Water Works Level, the storage amounts to 248.98 million gallons, as compared with 287.40 a year ago. The consumption here was 11 gallons daily per head; last year it was 10.9.

the punishment when it was inflicted, but this required further consideration, and he was not in a position to furnish any details at present. (Cheers.)

In reply to Mr. Hodge, Mr. Macpherson said he had not consulted the Secretary for War on the point, but he was afraid the reports which had been obtained from the commanders in the field could not be published. He told Mr. Billing that, so far as he knew, field punishment No. 1 had never been enforced in this country.

Answering further questions, Mr. Macpherson denied any knowledge of the War Office having admitted that in one case death had resulted from the infliction of field punishment No. 1.

## KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes.

Lady May presented the prizes at the Kowloon British School yesterday afternoon in the presence of a good attendance of parents and friends. Accompanying Lady May was Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools).

The Headmaster (Mr. E. J. Edwards) first read the annual report, which was as follows:—

Attendance.—The School was opened 201 times during the year. Maximum enrolment 71 (Feb.), 52 last year. Minimum enrolment 56 (Sept.), 51 last year. Average attendance 60, 66 last year. 22 New Scholars joined during the year. Seven of the children made complete attendance: one boy and two girls have not missed a day for three years.

Staff.—In September Mr. E. J. Edwards was appointed Headmaster, vice Mr. A. T. Hamilton transferred to Queen's College. Miss Knight resigned during the Summer Holidays to take up a post in Shanghai and her place was not refilled up to the end of the year. Miss Jack was transferred to the Victoria British School on September 18th, her place being taken up by Miss Robson.

Fees.—Upper School 85 per month. Lower School 83 per month. Buildings.—No alterations have been made in the School Buildings. Two rooms in the School Quarters are utilised as class rooms.

Health.—The health of the School has been good throughout the year. The Medical Officer has carried out periodical inspections. There have been no cases of serious illness.

Studies.—Classes I and II, were presented as candidates for the Hongkong University Local Examinations held in December. The results are most satisfactory as far as the girls are concerned. Two girls, Clara Frost, and Ena Forsyth took the senior examination and both passed. Seven girls took the Junior Examination, six being successful. One boy took the Senior Examination and two the Junior, all without success. This failure is due to a marked weakness in Mathematics. The Inspector of English Schools in his Annual Report states:—"The mathematics in Classes I, II, III boys are very weak. A slight improvement has been noticeable recently but the standard of work must be raised considerably if boys are to pass in these subjects at the University Local Examinations."

Special Classes are now being held in Mathematics and it is hoped that these will have the desired effect. The results of the School examinations held in December show that good progress has been made. In the lower classes 45 children were examined and 40 passed. Excellent results have been obtained in Drawing, particularly in Classes I, II, and III Girls. Three branches of the subject are taken up and the specimens of work done by the classes mentioned are deserving of praise. Classes IV and V have also produced very creditable drawings in colour. The Infants' Kindergarten Class has again been very successful and is a good preparation for the work in the succeeding classes. The Inspector of English Schools, reporting upon an inspection held in October 1916, states:—"A very considerable improvement is noticeable throughout, but particularly in Classes I, II, III boys. Work is done and corrected systematically, with the result that exercises which at one time were conspicuously untidy are now carefully and neatly written. Drawing in Classes I, II, III Girls under Mrs. Stark calls for special mention. In every class there are evidences of careful and diligent attention to work on the part of both teachers and pupils. Untidiness in the Class Rooms has disappeared, and the buildings, grounds and offices were clean and in a satisfactory condition. I am able to report that the School is making rapid progress."

In May last a class for the study of Chinese was formed by the Director of Education. This class is held in Hongkong twice a week and is taught by Mr. Sung Hock-pang of Queen's College. The value of this class to boys who intend to enter business firms in Hongkong is obvious. It is therefore very disappointing to report that only four of the nine senior boys have taken up the subject. Mr. Sung's report shows that these boys are making good progress.

Class I.—Richard Frost, Form Prize; Cedric Graham, Form Prize; William Gerrard, Composition Prize; William Taylor, Mathematics Prize.

Class II.—Doris Curry, Form Prize, Junior Local Certificate; Maggie Ramsay, Junior Local Certificate; Edna Knight, Attendance Prize, Junior Local Certificate; Ethel Curry, Special Prize Neatness and General Improvement, Junior Local Certificate; Sophie Weill, History, French and General Knowledge.

Class III.—Ragana Levy, Form Prize, Junior Local Certificate; Mollie Levy, Special Prize, General Improvement.

Class IV.—Andrew Kinross, Form Prize; Stewart Ogilvie, General Proficiency; William Forsyth, English and Drawing; Gladys Ramsay, Arithmetic and Drawing; David Harvey, Special Prize for Geography and Scripture; Susan Weill, General Improvement.

Class V.—George Curry, Form Prize; Allan Robertson, General Proficiency; Lewis Graham, Composition and Writing; Marjorie Scott, Special Prize for Drawing.

Class VI.—Maud Levy, Form Prize; Alex. Gordon, Geography.

Class VII.—Florrie Neave, Form Prize; George Bond, French, Scripture and Geography; Ronald Curry, Composition and Grammar.

Class VIII.—Willie Tillery, Form Prize; Philip Kennedy, Reading and Geography; Robert Gordon, Arithmetic and Geography; Violet Levy, Scripture; Charles McArthur, History; Nettie Thorndike, Reading and Spelling; Billy Walker, Pro-

Monthly report books are used in all classes, and detailed reports are sent to the parents at the end of each half-year. These reports are of great value in keeping parents advised regarding the progress their children are making. Discipline.—The discipline and tone of the School are very good. The children attend regularly and appear to be happy and contented in their work. There are few cases of unpunctual attendance.

Athletics.—Great keenness has been shown in Athletics. The outstanding feature of the year is the success of the School in winning the Hongkong Inter-schools Swimming Challenge Shield. Six schools entered for the race, which is held annually at the Queen's College Swimming Sports. Kowloon won easily. Hockey is played by both boys and girls twice a week under supervision, and the boys also practise cricket in the playground. Football continues to be the most popular game and the boys play regularly in the Hongkong Cadet Corps League. The playground, on account of its size, cannot be used for football or hockey. It is however regularly used in the cool weather by classes for physical drill.

Cadet Corps.—A Junior Platoon having been formed in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Cadet Corps, every boy in the School over seven years of age is now a member. Military drill and signalling are the main objects of the Corps which also encourages the boys in Football and Swimming. Bathing parties are held during the Summer and are greatly enjoyed by those who take advantage of them.

At the Annual Camp held during the Christmas holidays 12 of our boys attended.

War Charities.—Since May last a collection has been made each month on behalf of the War Charities Fund. The total amount subscribed to the end of December was \$106.30, and this sum has been duly handed to the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmistress and the other members of the Staff for their able assistance and untiring efforts during the year.

The Prize List.  
The senior children rendered a song in concert, after which Lady May distributed the prizes, as follows:—

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Class VI.—Maud Levy, Form Prize; Alex. Gordon, Geography.

Class VII.—Florrie Neave, Form Prize; George Bond, French, Scripture and Geography; Ronald Curry, Composition and Grammar.

Class VIII.—Willie Tillery, Form Prize; Philip Kennedy, Reading and Geography; Robert Gordon, Arithmetic and Geography; Violet Levy, Scripture; Charles McArthur, History; Nettie Thorndike, Reading and Spelling; Billy Walker, Pro-

Class IX.—Inna Raymond, Form Prize; Tim Neave, Arith-

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Class X.—Inna Raymond, Form Prize; Tim Neave, Arith-

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Class XI.—Inna Raymond, Form Prize; Tim Neave, Arith-

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## A BARON'S ARREST.

Courageous Criticism of German Methods.

Berne, Dec. 29.—The well-known German diplomat, Baron von Eckardstein, was arrested at Berlin on Christmas Eve, and has been incarcerated in the convict prison at Moabit under the existing martial law by which the authorities are enabled summarily to seize and imprison persons charged.

Eckardstein's offence consisted in severe criticism of various phases of German policy which were uttered in private conversation. One of his acquaintances denounced him to the authorities.

This is the second time that Eckardstein has been arrested for similar reasons. The first time was nearly two years ago, when he was imprisoned and then detained in an internment camp for political offenders who are German subjects. His release ensued after the Socialists had revealed the truth about his detention.

Since the beginning of the war Eckardstein has courageously proclaimed his contempt for Germany's aggressive precipitation of hostilities, the violation of Belgian neutrality, submarine frightfulness, and the Zeppelin murders.

Eckardstein was first secretary to the German Embassy in London for many years. At the outbreak of the war he was a member of many English clubs, amongst them the Marlborough, Garrick, Beeston and Cowes Royal Yacht Club. He also owned an estate near Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

Baron von Eckardstein, a remarkably handsome man, married, in 1898, the daughter of the late Sir John Blundell Maple (head of the great furniture firm).

King Edward, then Prince of Wales, attended the wedding and presented the bride with a jewelled watch.

Unfortunately the marriage was not a happy one. It was said later that Sir John opposed the marriage, and that he afterwards paid the baron's debts, amounting to a quarter of a million.

In 1907 the baroness obtained a separation, and in 1909 she secured a German divorce decree. In August of the following year she married Captain (now Major) Archibald Weigall, who later became, and still is, M.P. for the Horncliffe Division of Lincolnshire.

tic; Stella Levy, Reading; Marjorie Martin, Dictation; Joyce Heard, Writing; Archie Frost, For Progress; Nell Gerrard, Writing; Betty Martin, Reading; Dodo Alexander, Writing; Laird Alexander, Progress; G. G. Edwards, Writing; Ronald Gerrard, Progress; Annie Smyth, Reading.

Special Prizes given by the Hongkong Branch of the Overseas Club for the best Essay on the war:—  
Girls: 1st, Clara Frost; 2nd, Ena Forsyth.

Boys: 1st, Richard Frost, Cedric Graham.

Mr. Ralphs expressed the pleasure it had given Lady May to be present and distribute the prizes. There was little he need say about the school, because the Headmaster had quoted very liberally from his report and it would be gathered that the school had been making very good progress during the year. The condition of the school at the end of this year was very much better than it was a year ago. Mr. Holyoak, speaking at the school last year, made several remarks regarding the efficiency of the school and the duties of children and parents, and those remarks seemed to have been acted upon in the proper spirit, for the hard work of Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Stark, the rest of the staff and the children themselves, had assisted in bringing the school up to its present state of efficiency. On Empire Day it was announced that three scholarships would be given, and to those scholars who had succeeded in gaining them, he would say that it would be their duty to show that they were worthy of them, and to try to win another next year.

Cheers were given for Lady May, and parents were invited to inspect the scholars' work on Empire Day.



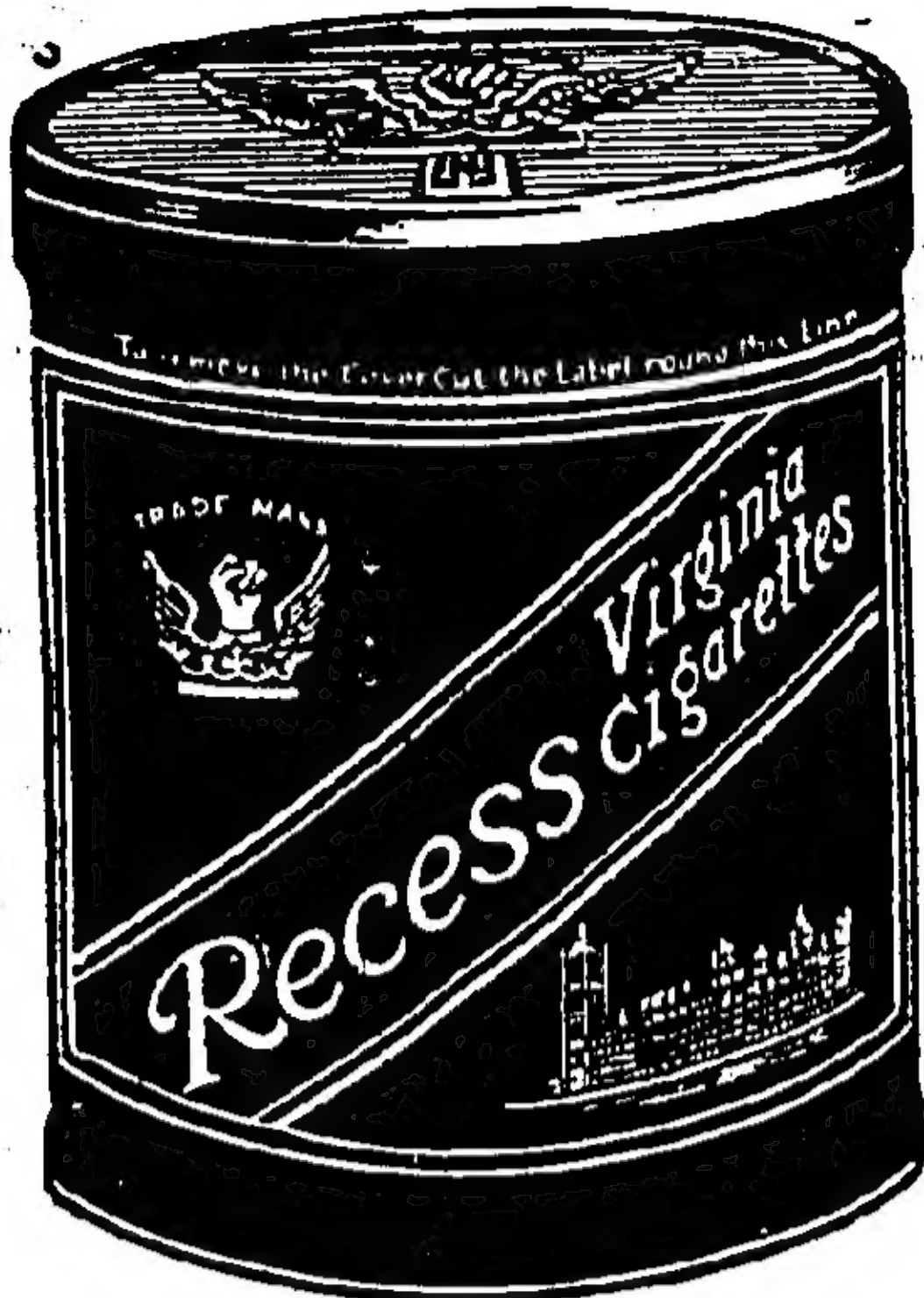




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## NOTICES.

## G. R. NOTICE.

WHERE on the 18th day of January, 1917, the Yau-mat Police found Cargo-boat No. 2630V in Yau-mat Bay, with a quantity of coal aboard, such junk having been apparently abandoned by the Master and Crew.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that if the said Junk and Coal be not lawfully claimed within three days from date, will be SOLD.

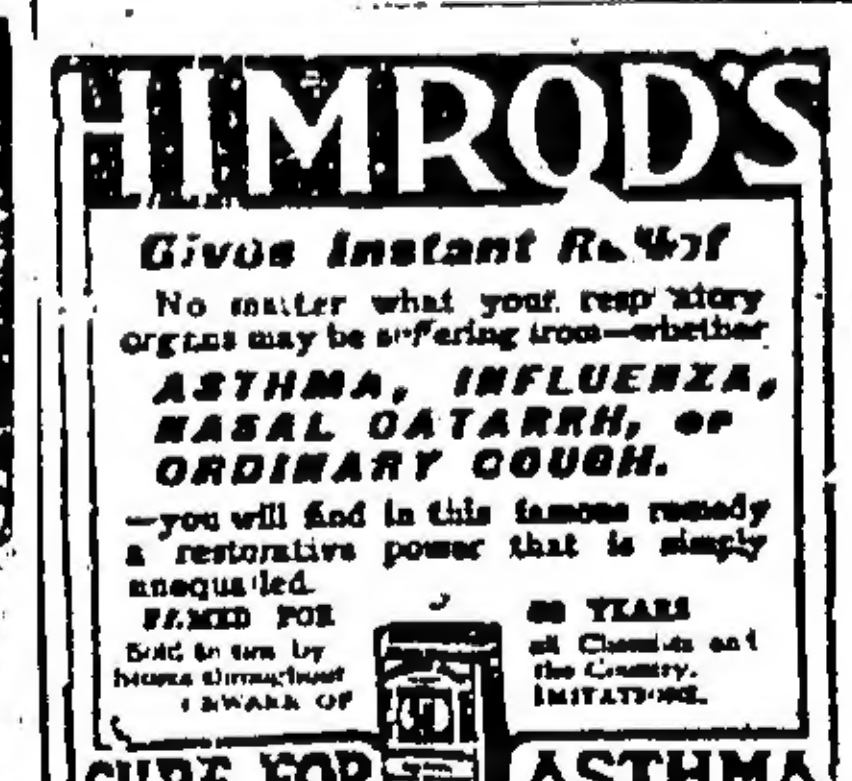
(Signed) C. M. MESSER, Captain Superintendent of Police. Hongkong, 6th February, 1917.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. BROWN, Secretary.  
Hongkong 5th February, 1917.



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## Sterling Shares.

Nom. Value. Buyers. Sellers.

2/- Shares.

Allagar	2/3	2/9
Anglo-Java	4/-	5/-
Anglo-Malay	10/-	12/-
Batang Malaka	3/2	3/6
Bekoh	2/-	3/7 1/2
Bkt. Mertajam	3/6	4/6
Bkt. Sombawang	2/6	3/-
Chersonese (F.M.S.)	3/3	4/-
Chimpul	1/6	1/10
Cicely	17/6	20/-
Cicely Pref.	18/-	21/-
Consolidated	10/-	12/6
Hoewood	2/9	3/3
Kamuning Perak	3/3	4/-
Kota Tinggi	2/5	2/9
Labu (F.M.S.)	6/-	7/6
Linggi Ord.	18/-	20/-
London A. R.	6/6	7/3
Merlimau	4/6	5/6
Padang Jawa	2/6	3/-
Pataing	30/-	35/-
Perak	5/-	6/6
Port Dickson	2/4	3/-
Selangor	22/6	25/-
S'pore Para	3/-	3/6
S'pore United	2/3	2/9
Str. Settlements (Bertram)	4/6	5/6
Sumatra Para	6/9	7/6
Unit. Serdang	11/6	12/-
Unit. Sumatra	6/6	7/6
Unit. Temiang	2/10	3/3
Vallambrosa	15/3	17/9

2/- Shares.

Batu Tiga	60/-	80/-
Bkt. Rajah	13/1	150/0
Castlefield	100/-	112/6
Damanara	65/-	75/-
Elands & Landa	50/-	55/-
Kuala Lumpur	80/-	95/-
Landedra	40/-	45/-
Langon (Java)	45/-	50/-
Ledbury	57/-	57/6
Lumut	37/6	45/-
Malacca R. P.	80/-	90/-
Ord.	70/-	80/-
Nordenal	21/-	23/6
Permas	28/3	36/-
Pegoh	42/6	50/-
Rambia Ord.	25/-	30/-
Rambia Pref.	24/-	30/-
Rubber Plant	21/-	23/6
Invest	25/-	30/-
Sapong	80/-	90/-
Seafeld	17/6	20/-
Seremban	27/6	33/-
Shelford	60/-	70/-
Sialang	75/-	85/-
S'g' Way	60/-	70/-
Tebrau (Johore)	50/-	60/-
Unit. Sui Betong	50/-	60/-

Dollar Shares.

Alor Gajah	3.70	3.90
Ayor Kuning	1.40	1.50
Ayor Molek	2.50	2.60
Balgownie	4.60	4.80
Bkt. Jelutong	7.20	8.1
Bkt. Kati	8.5	9.5
Gleesley	2.25	2.40
Jeram	2.05	2.15
Jimah	1.80	1.90
Malaka Pinda	2.10	2.25
Mandai Tekong	3.0	3.10
Pantai	1.90	2.00
Punggor	1.80	1.90
Tambalak	1.00	1.10
Ulu Pandan	8.25	9.25
Unit. Malacca	1.15	1.25

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Kempas	7.90	8.00
Malakoff	4.70	4.85
New Serendah	4.20	4.30
Sandycroft	4.90	5.05
S'g' Bagan	3.25	3.60
Trafalgar	1.30	1.50

5/- Shares.

Ayer Panas	11.40	11.75
Ch'hai Serdang	9.10	9.40
Haytor	10.00	10.05
Kalemak	6.00	6.35 x d.
Lenas	7.0	7.30 x d.
Mergui	4.85	5.10
Nyalas	6.30	6.50 x d.
Pajim	12.50	13.50
Radenia	11.50	12.00
Wak Anson	11.25	11.75

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Indragiri	19.50	21.0
Pales Belang	8.50	4.00
Tapah	19.00	21.00

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 8th at 11.40.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased slightly along the coast from Shanghai to Hongkong, and has decreased slightly over N.E. China, Formosa and the Philippines.

An anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze Valley.